

REMARKS

With claims 1-37 pending, claims 1-9 and 15-18 have been cancelled as indicated above. The remaining claims have been amended as detailed below.

Section 102 Rejection

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Barbaste, et al., US Patent 5,235,295 (hereafter "Barbaste"). Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 15 have been cancelled rendering this rejection moot.

Section 103 Rejections

Claims 2, 3, 6, 8 and 16-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Barbaste in view of other references. Claims 2, 3, 6, 8 and 16-18 have been cancelled rendering this rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 14 and 19-30 are indicated as being allowed. Of these, claims 14, 19 and 21-22 have been amended to make minor grammatical corrections. Claim 20 has been amended to change its dependency based on the objection discussed to follow.

Claims 10-13, 20 and 31-37 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly claims 10 and 31 have been amended to place them in independent form. Claim 20 has been amended to be dependent on now independent claim 10, and is now believed



allowable based on its dependence on claim 10. The remaining claims 11-13 and 32-37 are believed allowable in dependent form based on their dependence on respective ones of claims 10 and 31. Claims 11 and 34 have additionally been amended to make minor grammatical corrections.

Conclusion

In light of the above amendments and remarks, claims 10-14 and 19-37 are now all believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

A request for a two month extension of time is provided with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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